

Appl. No. 10/691,427

Amendment dated October 12, 2004

Reply to Non-Final Office Action of May 12, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 15, 17-19 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Madrange et al. (U.S. 5,143,518). Claim 1 has been amended by adding the subject matter of original claim 10, which has been canceled. The reference does not disclose amphoteric polymers of (B) in combination with a silicone oil or silicone gum. The withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

The reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 20-22 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Madrange et al. The subject matter of the amended claims is not taught or even suggested by this reference.

Claims 10-14 and 23 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Madrange et al. in view of Cotteret et al. (U.S. 5,735,908). It is respectfully submitted that the limited subject matter of amended claim 1 is not suggested to one of ordinary skill in the art from the combined teachings of the two cited references. The withdrawal of this rejection is therefore kindly requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks above, Applicants ask for reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. Applicants further ask for extension of the period for response to be extended two months to October 12, 2004 and authorize a charge to Deposit Account

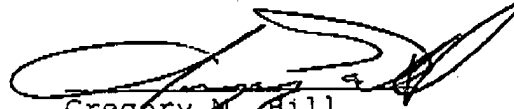
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No. 01-1250 in the amount of \$ 430.00 for the extension fee. Order No. 04-0379. Should any fees be due for entry and consideration of this Amendment that have not been accounted for, the Commissioner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 01-1250.

Respectfully submitted,



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